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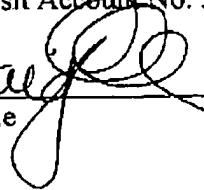
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 9, 2008, the period of response for which runs through September 9, 2008, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

An **Examiner Interview Summary** begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.